

50/50 think in terms of more interaction  
with the material in your remaining  
reports

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BOTS 300-PATRENS

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### REQUIRED READING:

K. KITCHEN THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD

THE MOST HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION KITCHEN SEEMS TO MAKE IN HIS HISTORICAL STUDY IS THE PERSPECTIVE THAT BEFORE THE PATRIARCHAL NARRATIVES, THERE IS 18000 YEARS OF HISTORY. THE TYPICAL LIMITED VIEW OF CIVILIZATION (FROM THE CHRISTIAN STANDPOINT) FINDS A HANDFUL OF SOCIETIES SCATTERED HERE & THERE UP UNTIL THE TIME OF ABRAHAM AND THEN POW!, WE HAVE HISTORY. BUT, OBVIOUSLY THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF MY OWN LACK IN THE AREA OF ANCIENT HISTORY IT WOULD RATHER ASSUME ON MY PART TO CRITICIZE KITCHEN'S IDEAS. IT CAN BE SAID HOWEVER THAT BECAUSE OF KITCHEN'S INSIGHTS THE POINT ABOUT ABRAHAM BEING A HISTORICAL CHARACTER IN A HISTORICAL SETTING IS WELL MADE.



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REQUIRED READING #1:

E. H. MERRILL "FIXED DATES IN PATRIARCHAL CHRONOLOGY"

THE MOST THAT I GOT OUT OF THIS ARTICLE WAS A  
DESIRE TO LOOK INTO EDWIN THIEL'S "THE MYSTEROUS NUMBERS  
OF THE HEBREW KINGS."

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POINTING OUT ONE OR TWO PROBLEMS  
IN ORCHESTRATING A PATRIARCHAL CHRONOLOGY (DIANA'S AGE  
AT SHECHEM FOR EXAMPLE) THE ARTICLE IS A BASIC SURVEY  
OF THE PATRIARCHAL PERIOD.



JOE BUSTLOS

BOYS 300 - PATRIARCHS

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REQUIRED READING #1!

DR. WISEMAN, "ABRAHAM IN HISTORY & TRADITION," PARTS I & II

PART ONE OF WISEMAN'S ARTICLE DOESN'T SEEM TO GET OFF THE GROUND. THE POINT THAT ABRAHAM WAS MORE THAN A WERE "STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND" DOESN'T SEEM TO EVER SETTLE. I SUPPOSE THIS IS BECAUSE WISEMAN'S INTERPRETATION OF ABRAHAM'S "ALTARS & TENTS" RUNS RIGHT IN THE FACE OF THE TYPICAL EVANGELICAL UNDERSTANDING.

IT IS INTERESTING THEN THAT IN REVIEWING PART TWO OF HIS ARTICLE I FOUND MYSELF MORE IN AGREEMENT WITH HIS VIEW. I IMAGINE THAT BE EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT PART ONE PRIMARILY DISMANTLED A FEW O.T. VIEWS WHILE PART TWO INTRODUCED THE 'SOLUTIONS.'

PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO ME WAS THE VIEW THAT ABRAHAM UNDERSTOOD HIS POSITION AS GOD'S "GOVERNOR" IN THE PROMISED LAND. HIS FORESHADOW OF DAVID'S LATER UNDERSTANDING OF RULERSHIP IN THE PROMISED LAND IS QUITE INTERESTING.



Job Busting

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REQUIRED READING # 1:

W. KAISER TOWARD A O.T. THEOLOGY.

TO WD KAISER COMES OFF AS A BRIEF HISTORICAL SURVEY WITH THREE POINTS TO BE MADE, I HAD PREVIOUSLY READ HIS MATERIAL OF THE MOSAIC PERIOD AND FOUND IT DISCUSTINGLY SHORT (SOMETHING LIKE MY REVIEWS). I FIND THE SAME IS TRUE WITH HIS TREATMENT OF THE PATRIARCHS. SKIPPING THROUGH SEVERAL THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY AT THIS PACE CAN GIVE ONE A HEADACHE.



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REQUIRED READING #1

SELMAN "THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS OF THE  
PATRIARCHS"

ONE THING THAT APPARENTED REGARDING THIS ARTICLE WAS  
THAT SELMAN DOES NOT SEEM TO WANT BRING THE  
GENESIS NARRATIVE INTO AGREEMENT WITH ARCHEOLOGY BUT RATHER  
WANTS TO RECONCILE THE ACCOUNT WITH AN UNDERSTANDING  
OF VARIOUS ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS.

AS WITH KITCHEN, BECAUSE THE MATERIAL IS NEW, A  
CRITICAL ANALYSIS WOULD BE A LITTLE BEYOND MY EXPERIENCE.  
IT DOES HOWEVER POINT OUT THAT IN FUTURE READINGS ILL  
HAVE TO BE MORE AWARE THAT MOST OF THESE ISSUES ARE  
AS OF YET UNSETTLED.